**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the paragraph which begins on page 2, line 13 as follows:

The basic infrastructure for coordinated workflow and data flow is now available through the use of enterprise resource planning (ERP) systems, such as offerings from SAP AG, workflow software, such as IBM MQSeries Workflow, or basic technology components for software integration such as Orbix from Iona Technology or IBM MQSeries. Enterprise resource planning systems typically have many modules covering different functions within a business or a supply chain and have built-in coordination or workflow functionality. Workflow software packages are those designed to be controllers that invoke ~~invokes~~ other applications based on a user-specified business process. Basic technology components provides a framework and low level utility functions to allow different applications or software modules communicate (synchronously or asynchronously). Users can use these components for building customized application bridges.